

On yet another beautiful Wednesday morning of softball at the Field of Dreams, Proscapes Landscaping downed Corple Corral, 19-13, to remain undefeated and atop of the standings of the Seniors League.

Proscapes quickly showed why they are at the top of the standings. After limiting Corple to only one run (a home run by George Wendt) in the first two innings, Proscapes scored four in the 1st and five in the second. In the first, the top four in substitute manager Scott Wilson's lineup all hit and all scored. Wilson (4-4, 2RBI's) led off with a single, Terry Scholze(2-4, 3B, RBI) tripled him home, Jimmy Reese (2-4, 2B, 5 RBI's) knocked in Terry, his first of five RBI's for the day, Ken Ford (3-3, 2B, 3B, RBI) doubled Jimmy home and Henry Moore ((2-3, 3 RBI's) drove in Ken for the fourth run of the inning.

In the second for Proscapes, the hitting continued with Cheryl McNally singling to lead it off followed by an inside the park by Stan the Man Isbell (3-3, 2 HR's, 3 RBI's). Paul Vargo (3-3) singled, Scott singled, Jimmy knocked them both in with a base hit, and Ken F. tripled Jimmy home for the fifth and final run. The score was 9-1 after two innings.

But Corple did not give up. In the top of the third, Bobby Duncan (3-3, RBI), Dale Hill(2-3, 2 RBI's), and Myron McKinney(2-4, RBI) all singled, Myron's driving in Bobby. Following an out, Mike Conley (2-4, 2 2B's, 4 RBI's) doubled bringing home Myron, Jerry singled bringing home Mike, and Pete Day(2-3, 2B, RBI) doubled to bring home Jerry. Five runs scored by Corple, getting them back in the game at 9-6 after 2 ½ innings. Proscapes, who never were held scoreless in an inning, came right back scoring 2 runs in their half of the third on hits by Weldon Wallace (2-3, 2 RBI's), John Pieriul (2-3, 2B), and Henry.

Leading 11-6, , Proscapes held Corple scoreless in the top of the 4th and then erupted for five more runs in their half of the inning. Stan the Man started things off with another inside the park home run, his second of the game. After three consecutive hits by Paul V., Scott, and Terry, pitcher Ramiro Escamilla had seen enough. He knocked down batter Jimmy Reese with a high, inside floater. Jimmy got up, dusted himself off, and doubled to left to drive in two more runs. For you followers of softball at Robson Ranch 'to left' was not a typo. Jimmy actually

pulled the ball. Ken F. drove in Terry and Jimmy with his third hit of the game and Proscapes commanded a 16-6 lead after four.

Again, to their credit, Corple Corral did not give in. They answered with four runs of their own in the top of the 5th inning. Bobby D., Dale, and Myron all singled to load the bases for Becky Milby (3-4, RBI). She drove in Bobby with a base hit, then a 4-6 fielder's choice produced two runs thanks to heads up base running by Becky. George Wendt (2-3, HR, RBI) hit a ball to right field that looked like it was going to produce two more runs but Diana Duncan (2-3) snags it in flight allowing only one run to score. 16-10, leaving Corple within striking distance after 5 ½.

As often happens in the great game of baseball, the player who makes a great defensive play in one half of an inning leads off the next inning – Diana gets her second hit of the game. John P. and ageless Bob Kuhfuss (2-3) both single to load the bases. Susan Kamrath and Bill Soule each drive in a run, making the score 18-10 after 5. By the way, when this writer arrived at the ballpark, ageless Bob asked, “Was Clyde McPhatter with the Drifters or the Platters?”. Only in the Seniors League do you get this kind of question. If you know the answer, please contact Bob.

In the top of the sixth, Robert Cox (3-3), Ramiro, and Ken Quarfoot all singled with Ken's producing a run. After Mark Mills' hustle almost got him a hit on a ground ball, Bobby knocked in the second and final run of the half inning with his third hit of the game. Proscapes answered back. Consecutive hits leading off the inning by Stan, Paul V., and Scott scored a run. All three of these men had perfect days at the plate. Terry followed with a shot headed toward right center but Dale, playing second base, somehow got to the ball, caught it and stepped on second for a double play. It was an ESPN highlight play. A fly out ended the inning with Proscapes up 19-12 after six.

As Corple came to bat in the top of the seventh inning, PA announcer Dave Riddle played “Bye, Bye, Love” by the Everly Brothers. Corple was not phased at all by “Bye, Bye” and mounted a charge. Becky got on base with her 3rd hit of the game and Mike C. drove her in with a double, his 4th RBI of the game. But consecutive 4-3 ground outs ended the game.

Final Score: 19-13 in favor of Proscapes Landscaping.

Great game, great spirit, great people, and lots of fun. This is the Seniors League.

Dave was accompanied in the press box by Bob Riley who kept the book and the Seniors League regular scoreboard operator, Rick Rubin. We had a seasoned umpire crew as well. Mike Braam called the balls and strike; Bob Collins was at first; and Larry Studinski was at 3rd base. Thank you all for volunteering your time to the Seniors League.

After the game ended, fans stood and cheered Seniors League Commissioner, Kelly Petre, thanking him for his work and the product he helped create. They were chanting, "One More Year".

See you next week when MS2 goes up against the first place Proscapes Landscaping.